



Manufacturing in Virginia

SIC 25 Furniture and Fixtures



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Overall Assessment

- Added 12,800 jobs in Virginia from 1949 to 1969; lost 3,200 jobs since 1969.
- Annual wage per employee 31.6 percent less than the manufacturing average (ranks eighteenth).
- Accounts for 3.9 percent of the national industry, an 11 percent increase since 1969.

Employment

	Virginia		U.S.	
	Employment	Rank	Employment	Rank
1949	12,300	8	301,000	12
1969	25,100	6	461,300	15
2000	21,900	9	555,400	15

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Employment Trends

Absolute Employment Growth

	Virginia		U.S.	
	Absolute Employment Change	Rank	Absolute Employment Change	Rank
1949-2000	+9,600	5	+254,400	5
1949-1969	+12,800	5	+160,300	8
1969-2000	-3,200	13	+94,100	5

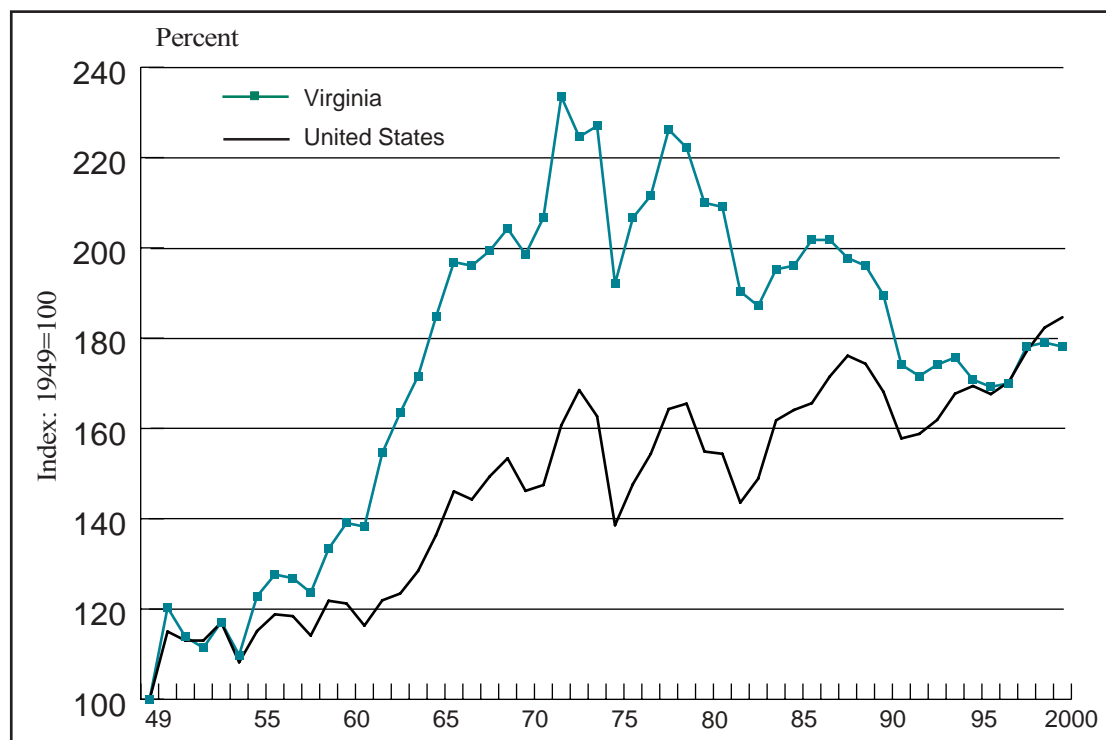
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Relative Employment Growth

Virginia Annual Average Growth Rates						
	Growth Rate 1949-2000	Rank	Growth Rate 1949-69	Rank	Growth Rate 1969-2000	Rank
Furniture and Fixtures						
Virginia	1.1%	7	3.6%	5	-0.4%	12
U.S.	1.2%	2	2.2%	5	0.6%	4
Nonagricultural Employment	3.0%		3.1%		2.9%	
Manufacturing	1.1%		2.6%		0.2%	
Durable Goods	2.0%		3.7%		1.0%	

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Employment Change 1949-2000



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Establishments

Number of Establishments

	Virginia		U.S.	
	Establishments	Rank	Establishments	Rank
Furniture and Fixtures	198	12	11,516	14
Manufacturing	6,908	--	413,506	--
Furniture and Fixtures as a % of Mfg.	2.9%		2.8%	

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Employment per Establishment

	Virginia		U.S.	
	Employment	Rank	Employment	Rank
Furniture and Fixtures	111	8	48	12
Manufacturing	57	--	45	--

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Payroll

Payroll per Employee

	Virginia		U.S.	
	Payroll per Employee	Rank	Payroll per Employee	Rank
Furniture and Fixtures	\$24,447	18	\$29,022	16
Manufacturing	\$35,767	- -	\$41,941	- -
Furniture and Fixtures as a % of Mfg.	68.4%		69.2%	

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

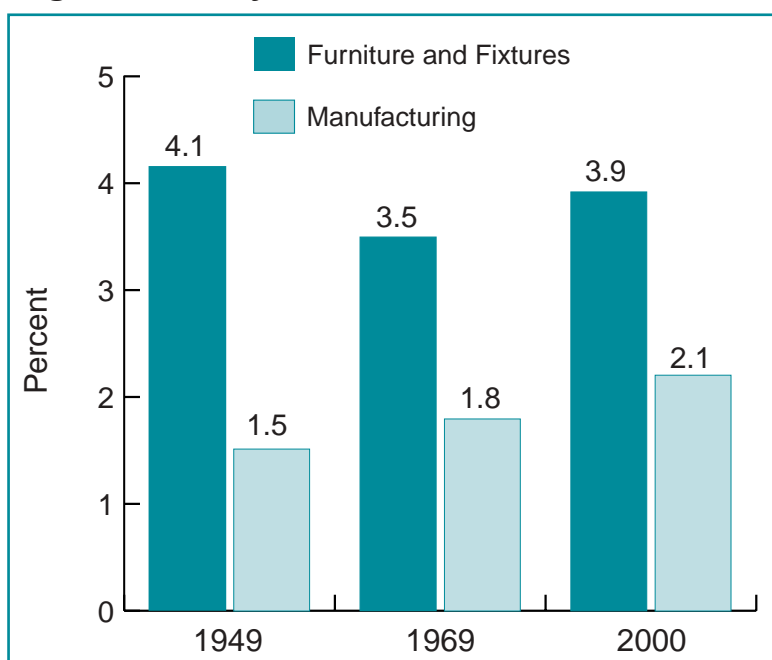
Exports

Virginia Exports		
	Furniture and Fixtures	Manufacturing
2000	\$48,460,000	\$9,395,636,000
1995	\$42,387,000	\$9,294,115,000
Export Growth, 1995-2000	14.3%	1.1%
Share of Manufactured Goods Exports, 2000	0.5%	- -

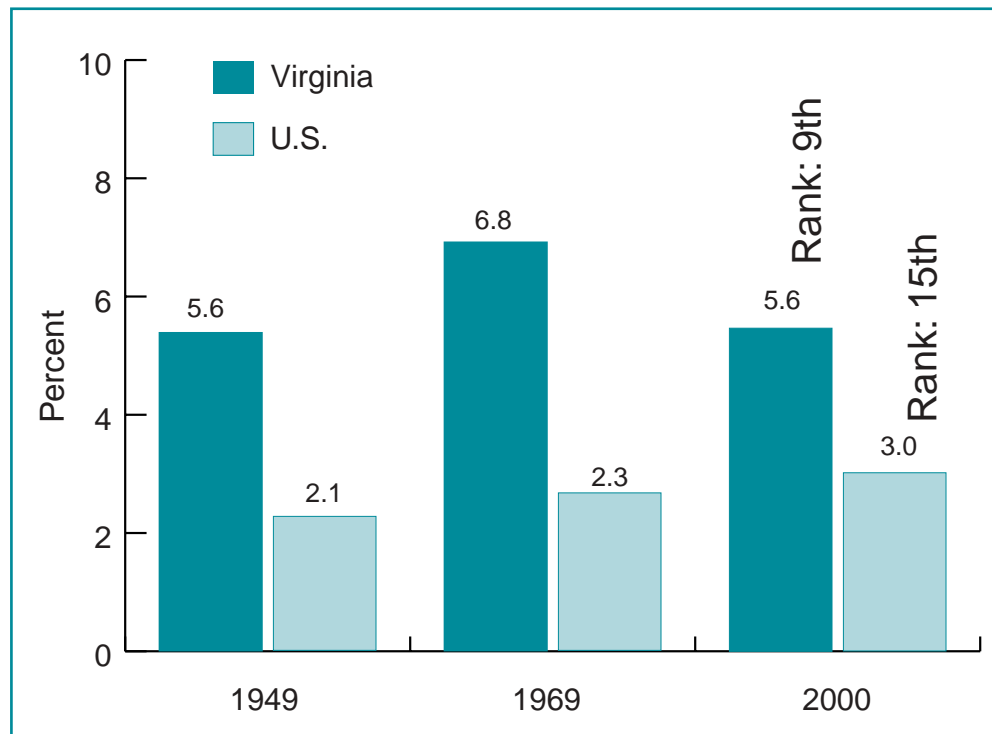
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce.

Industry Importance

Virginia's Share of National Furniture and Fixtures Industry



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Industry's Share of Manufacturing Employment

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Industry Trends

Virginia employment distribution: household furniture (84 percent), partitions and fixtures (7 percent), and office furniture (6 percent).

- Employment growth is very dependent on a healthy economy, and the fortunes of some segments, such as household furniture, are closely tied to housing starts.
- Imports have made significant inroads in some segments of the furniture industry, particularly household furniture where imports accounted for 25 percent of apparent consumption in 2000 compared with only 12 percent in 1992.
- Consolidation of large manufacturers has left only 40 percent of the 10 largest furniture manufacturers in the North Carolina/Virginia region.
- Increased efficiency in the manufacture of furniture has reduced the need for production workers.
- Environmental regulations are having an increasingly negative impact on the furniture industry. These include the Consumer Product Safety Commission's efforts to require upholstery fabrics to be treated with fire retardant chemicals, and the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to regulate air pollutants emitted from the finishes placed on furniture. The impact is especially heavy on smaller manufacturers and may even send finishing processes offshore to locations where regulation is less stringent or non-existent.